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## JANUARY UNEMPLOYMENT RATES ANNOUNCED

### ADJUSTED DATA

**Madison** – Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development (DWD) Secretary Roberta Gassman today announced that Wisconsin's preliminary seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for January 2005 was estimated to be 4.8 percent, compared to 4.7 percent in December and 5.4 percent in January 2004. The seasonally adjusted rate for the state has not been above 5.0 percent since May 2004, when it was estimated to be 5.1 percent. The nation's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for January 2005 was estimated at 5.2 percent, compared to 5.4 percent in December. The January 2004 rate for the nation was 5.7 percent.

### UNADJUSTED DATA

Wisconsin's preliminary unemployment rate for January was estimated to be 5.4 percent, down from 5.9 percent in January 2004. December's unemployment rate was estimated to be 4.3 percent. The January unemployment rate was the lowest January rate for the state since January 2001 when the rate was estimated at 4.8 percent. The national unadjusted rate for January was estimated to be 5.7 percent in January 2005, 5.1 percent in December 2004, and 6.3 percent in January 2004. Due to seasonal fluctuations in the economy, the unadjusted unemployment rate typically rises in January.

"Wisconsin's labor market continued to show strong evidence of recovery in January with the lowest rate for unemployed individuals in that month in four years," Secretary Gassman said. "We continue to be encouraged by the steadily improving numbers for Wisconsin, but realize there is still more work to be done to grow the state's economy."

Recently, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics revised their estimates of job levels for Wisconsin which resulted in lower job numbers than originally estimated for 2003 and 2004. Nevertheless, January's estimated number of jobs in Wisconsin showed steady improvement from one year earlier. There were estimated to be 2,755,000 nonfarm wage and salary jobs in Wisconsin in January 2005, up 44,500 jobs from two years ago. The recently revised January 2004 figure was 2,718,100, and the January 2003 figure was 2,710,500. Manufacturing in January 2005 was estimated to have a job count of 498,800 which is up 5,300 jobs from the newly revised January 2004 figure of 493,500. All major industrial sectors in the state, except financial activities and natural resources and mining, were up from one year ago. Private education and health services reported the largest gain from last January's figure, up 10,500 jobs. The government sector was up 8,300 jobs from one year ago, and the leisure and hospitality industry was up 6,300 jobs. Financial activities and natural resources, the lone losers in jobs, were down 100 jobs and 200 jobs respectively from last year's January figure.

January employment and unemployment figures for individual counties will be available March 9. This release also is available at <http://dwd.wisconsin.gov/dwd/newsreleases/>

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**WISCONSIN LABOR FORCE SUMMARY**  
In Thousands

ITEM	NET CHANGE FROM				
	PRELIM. JAN 05	FINAL DEC 04	YEAR AGO JAN 04	MONTH AGO	YEAR AGO
<b>PLACE OF RESIDENCE DATA</b>					
NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES					
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	3047.6	3063.9	3050.4	-16.3	-2.8
UNEMPLOYMENT	164.5	132.4	178.5	32.1	-14.0
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE	5.4	4.3	5.9	1.1	-0.5
EMPLOYMENT (1)	2883.1	2931.4	2871.9	-48.3	11.2
<b>PLACE OF WORK DATA</b>					
<b>NONFARM WAGE &amp; SALARY</b>	2755	2822.4	2718.1	-67.4	36.9
TOTAL PRIVATE	2343.5	2401.1	2314.9	-57.6	28.6
GOODS PRODUCING	613.7	627.6	607	-13.9	6.7
NATURAL RESOURCES & MINING	2.9	3.5	3.1	-0.6	-0.2
CONSTRUCTION	112	123	110.4	-11.0	1.6
MANUFACTURING	498.8	501.1	493.5	-2.3	5.3
Durable Goods	311.6	313.2	304.4	-1.6	7.2
Nondurable Goods	187.2	187.9	189.1	-0.7	-1.9
SERVICE PRODUCING	2141.3	2194.8	2111.1	-53.5	30.2
TRADE	429.9	447.8	426.1	-17.9	3.8
Wholesale Trade	113.8	113.5	112.3	0.3	1.5
Retail Trade	316.1	334.3	313.8	-18.2	2.3
TRANS., WAREHOUSE, & UTILITIES	104.9	109.3	103.4	-4.4	1.5
Utilities	11.4	11.4	11.5	0.0	-0.1
Information	50.5	50.6	50.2	-0.1	0.3
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	156.6	157.4	156.7	-0.8	-0.1
Finance and Insurance	129.4	130	130.1	-0.6	-0.7
Real Estate, Rental, & Lease	27.2	27.4	26.6	-0.2	0.6
PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES	240.8	249.3	240	-8.5	0.8
Prof., Scien., & Tech. Services	86.1	86.9	88.5	-0.8	-2.4
Mgmt. Of Companies and Enterprises	38.4	38	40	0.4	-1.6
Admin. Support & Waste Mgmt. Services	116.3	124.4	111.5	-8.1	4.8
EDUCATIONAL & HEALTH SERVICES	379.1	384	368.6	-4.9	10.5
Educational Services	50.5	54.8	44.5	-4.3	6.0
Health Care & Social Assistance	328.6	329.2	324.1	-0.6	4.5
LEISURE & HOSPITALITY	236.6	240.3	230.3	-3.7	6.3
Arts, Entertain., & Recreation	28.7	29.4	28.4	-0.7	0.3
Accommodation & Food Services	207.9	210.9	201.9	-3.0	6.0
OTHER SERVICES, except Public Admin	131.4	134.8	132.6	-3.4	-1.2
GOVERNMENT	411.5	421.3	403.2	-9.8	8.3
Federal Government	29.2	29.4	29.5	-0.2	-0.3
State Government	101.7	105	96.8	-3.3	4.9
Local Government	280.6	286.9	276.9	-6.3	3.7
PERSONS INVOLVED IN L-M DISPUTES	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.0	-0.5
(1) Includes L-M Disputes					
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES					
<b>CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE</b>	3077.5	3070.8	3074.7	6.7	2.8
UNEMPLOYMENT	148.7	144.6	165.0	4.1	-16.3
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE	4.8	4.7	5.4	0.1	-0.6
EMPLOYMENT	2928.7	2926.2	2909.7	2.5	19.0
NONFARM WAGE & SALARY	NA	NA	NA	0.0	0.0

\*Differences in totals may occur as a result of rounding.

Source: Local Area Unemployment Statistics and Current Employment Statistics programs, Labor Market Information Section, Bureau of Workforce Information